

**REMARKS**

In the August 24, 2005 Office Action, claims 1-15 were allowed, claims 16-17 were rejected, and claims 18-20 were indicated (on the Office Action Summary page) as being objected to.

Claims 17 and 18 have been canceled, and claim 16 has been amended. Since claims 1-15 have been indicated as allowable, claims 16 and 19-20 remain in the application for consideration (in addition to allowed claims 1-15).

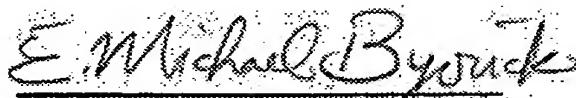
Although the Summary page indicates that claims 18-20 were objected to, the Examiner noted, on page 4 of the present Office Action, that claims 19-20 were objected to (and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims). In view of the facts that (1) the summary page indicates that claims 18-20 were objected to, and (2) claim 18 was not indicated as having been rejected, Applicant assumes that the objection to claims "19-20" was a typographical error, and that the Examiner intended to include claim 18 in this group, as well. Applicant has amended claim 16 to provide what is believed to be a claim set that complies with the Examiner's intention, assuming that claim 18 was intended to be included in the group of claims that were objected to.

To avoid adding additional independent claims, Applicant has amended claim 16 to incorporate the limitations of claim 18. Claims 19 and 20 depend from amended claim 16, and thus depend from a base claim which is now amended to incorporate limitations not disclosed or taught by the applied art. The group of claims consisting of claims 16, 19 and 20 include exactly the same limitations that would have resulted from separately incorporating the limitations of base claim 16 into each of claims 18-20.

Therefore, Applicant believes that the Examiner's suggestions have been incorporated in essence, and that claims 16, 19 and 20 are now in condition for allowance, in addition to allowed claims 1-15.

Respectfully submitted,

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